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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 – The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Tupelo, MS - Tupelo Police Department Technology Modernization in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Tupelo Police Department, located at 400 North Front Street, Tupelo MS 38804.

This is a good use of taxpayer funds because of the public safety nexus. The City of Tupelo is a regional hub for retail, entertainment, and sporting events. That, combined with a national increase in gun violence and other crimes, has led the City of Tupelo and the Tupelo Police Department to begin establishing a Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC). The RTIC will utilize new license plate readers, hundreds of existing cameras, new cameras, and new officer body/car cameras. The data from those technologies will be brought together with new software to be viewed live in one place. Overall, this is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will help keep citizen in Tupelo, MS safe. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Kelly'.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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